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Applicant: Alain Tornier Appl. No.: 10/612,296 Filed: 07/03/2003

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action on the merits mailed March 18, 2005, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this response.